CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	126.bmp
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OFLC ref:	1000442.000
Medium:	Computer Image File
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Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	22 April 2010
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image shows a young girl, who appears to be an older child, posing naked and displaying her genitals. The purpose of the image is to sexually titillate or arouse adults with a sexual interest in children. The availability of the image is likely to encourage this sexual interest and strengthen the idea that young girls may be used for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage the sexual exploitation of children.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.